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CAR SHORTAGE WILL PERHAPS HELP FARMERS

Hoover Says Crops Held Now Can Be Marketed Better Some Months Hence.

By Universal Service. The present shortage of railroad transportation may prove a blessing in disguise to the American farmers, in the opinion of the Secretary of Commerce Hoover.

Car shortage at this time is preventing farmers from shipping their crops, particularly grain, to market. The grain market at the same time is more or less stagnant, because there is practically no export trade. If the grain moved to market now in its normal volume it would not the farmer a low price return. The car shortage is forcing the farmers to hold their crops on the farms and in elevators.

The lack of export trade is due to European countries drawing on their own crops until their reserves are reduced to the danger point before coming into the American market for additional supplies. They are putting off their American buying to the last minute.

But eventually Europe must come to this market for 150,000,000 bushels of wheat, in the opinion of Secretary Hoover. Her own crops are short that amount, and her people must have bread. By the time the transportation situation improves the European grain trade should reopen, offering an outlet for the crops that are now tied up and for which there is no home market.

CHEMIST WILL TEST STAINS IN RECTOR SLAYING

Bodies of Hall and Mrs. Mills To Be Exhumed for Autopsy.

By Universal Service. NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Action by Governor Edwards' offer of \$1,000 reward and quizzing of Willie Stevens concerning the stains on his suit featured the investigation today into the mysterious murder of the Rev. Edward Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

To Exhume Bodies. Coincident with these developments was the announcement that the bodies of Mrs. Mills and Mr. Hall would probably be exhumed in a few days and an autopsy performed to determine how many bullets entered each body and from what direction.

Mr. Stevens, brother of the slain rector's wife, was summoned to the office of the county prosecutor and questioned concerning some stains on the vest of a suit he sent to the cleaner's on the day the bodies were found.

It has become known that the prosecutor intends to make a thorough investigation of this phase of the case. The cloth will be analyzed to determine whether the stains are human blood.

With the medical history of the case practically a blank page, the new (really the first) autopsies in the hands of Dr. Schultz may go far toward solving a crime that has thus far baffled the ingenuity of scores of investigators.

An order for the exhumation of Mrs. Mills' body has already been granted, and a similar order is being sought for the exhumation of Mr. Hall's body.

Widow Is Questioned. Although the news did not come from official sources, it was learned that Mrs. Frances Hall, the rector's widow, has again been questioned by the authorities. Concerning it, she said: "I seem to be the only one who tells the same story and sticks to it."

The board of freeholders of Middlesex county today offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murders. It is expected that Somerset county will take similar action.

While investigation was being pushed into every conceivable channel, Governor Edwards called Joseph E. Stricker, prosecutor of Middlesex, to a conference. It is understood that the governor offered every agency of the State in an effort to bring the guilty to justice.

One of the subjects under discussion was the pathetic letter of Charlotte Mills, fifteen-year-old daughter of the slain woman, in which the child wrote:

"Is there not some way, dear governor, you could help me find the murderer of my dear mother?"

The New Brunswick Home News carried the following editorial: "Society will not be safe while the murderer is at large. It is time for the people of the city to give more careful thought to the general safety than to their own convenience. Protection will be accorded all those who come forward. There is no reason for hesitancy and every reason for action."

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BAD WHISKEY BRINGS 10 YEARS FOR SLAYING

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The aftermath of a killing caused directly by the quality of imitation whiskey now obtaining occurred yesterday when Judge Johnson sent to Sing Sing for ten to twenty years Leo Durnherr, son of a Rochester banker, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter following an indictment for the murder of his sweetheart, Dorothy Dower, at the Hotel Francis in August.

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Tells Story Of Quarrels Between Sexton And Wife



Miss Millie Opie, of New Brunswick, N. J., a neighbor of Mrs. Mills, declares she heard the sexton and his wife quarreling over Rector Edward Hall, on at least one occasion. The quarrel she overheard was one in which Mrs. Mills is alleged to have told her husband she thought more of the rector's little finger than she did of her husband's whole body.

FILM CONCERNS AT MT. RAINIER GET CLEAN BILL

Fire Marshal Approves Two After Investigating D. C. Complaint.

BRENTWOOD, Md., Sept. 29.—At a meeting of the Citizens' Association at Mt. Rainier, it was unanimously voted to assist in securing new members for the volunteer fire department of that town. The movement was started by the Community Brotherhood.

Following a most rigid investigation of two film companies operating in the town of Mt. Rainier, the fire marshal has reported that he finds the companies operating within the law. They have all of the requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The two companies investigated were the Kadama Film Company and the National Pictorial News. The investigation was the outcome of a complaint from Chief George Watson, of the Washington Fire Department.

The first meeting of the Bruce Roberts club of Brentwood will be held this evening at Firemen's Hall. It is expected that Clarence M. Roberts, Democratic nominee for Congress, will speak.

The Mt. Rainier ball team will play the second of a three-game series for the independent championship of Prince Georges county with the Maryland Athletic Club at Capitol Heights Sunday afternoon.

Dr. J. Percy Wade, superintendent at Foster clinic, Spring Grove State Hospital, last night testified in the fourth public hearing concerning charges made against the institution. Several other witnesses were heard by the committee named by the governor and the American Legion to investigate the charges. The fifth and last hearing will be tonight.

Dr. Wade admitted that he received 50 per cent of receipts of sales from the institution's canteen, but said that he spent this money, about \$80 a month, for the benefit of the patients. Mrs. E. W. Kauffman, representing the Red Cross at the clinic, said "that everything at the hospital was in a perfectly wonderful condition."

CITY MANAGER PLANS FAVORED IN ALEXANDRIA

New Executive Has Garbage Collection Unit and Street Repairs Approved.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 29.—The city council at its meeting yesterday afternoon approved the plan submitted by City Manager Rich for the fall and winter work of the city. The council appropriated \$999 to purchase seven carts to collect garbage. They also appropriated \$500 to purchase an automobile for the superintendent of the removal of garbage. An ordinance was passed requiring that garbage and trash be placed in separate cans and put within easy access for the removal.

The council ordered that the following streets be improved: Queen street from Payne to West street, West street from King to Queen, Queen street from West to Harvard, Harvard from King to Cameron. The council appropriated the sum of \$500 to widen the roadway at the corner of Franklin and Patrick streets.

Charles R. Riker, of Hayfield, Fairfax county, died at the Alexandria Hospital yesterday from injuries received in an automobile wreck on the road to Franconia a few days ago. Riker while attempting to pass another machine ditched his own which overturned throwing him and his wife and child out. His wife and child escaped injury.

The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the following Alexandria corporations: Walter Roberts, incorporated, of Alexandria, Va. The capital stock is placed at from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The officers are president, Walter C. Roberts, secretary and treasurer, Allen H. Roberts and James W. Roberts. The Virginia and Maryland Self Service Vending Machine Company, of Alexandria, officers Milton S. Fairfax, of Alexandria, president and treasurer; E. V. Kousske, of Washington, vice president and N. Noel Garner, of Alexandria, secretary.

James W. Brown has bought from W. W. Simpson and wife house and lot 200 North Pitt street. The deed conveying this piece of property has just been recorded in the Clerk's office of the corporation court.

Court No. 54, Catholic Daughters of America, last evening held a card party at the Lyceum Hall.

A meeting of Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection will be held this evening at the Masonic Temple. At this meeting the ninth and tenth degrees of the order will be conferred on a class of candidates.

Last evening Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons held a meeting at the Masonic Temple, when the Master Masons degree was conferred on a class of candidates.

WOMEN VOTERS TO DISCUSS MD. CONSTITUTION

Plan Series of Meetings to Consider Amendments Up in November.

Special to The Washington Times. ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 29.—The Rockville branch of the National Council of Catholic men entertained at a dance in St. Mary's Hall here last night. The affair was in charge of a committee of which Robert L. Tolson was chairman.

Janet Montgomery Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was entertained at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Frank P. Stone, near Cabin John. Dr. Francis McManus gave a talk on historic events and people connected with Upper Marlboro, and Mrs. J. F. Sprinkle and Mrs. A. L. Bartlett gave musical selections.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters, held here Tuesday, it was decided to hold a number of open meetings during October to discuss proposed amendments to the State Constitution which will be voted on at the November election.

Miss Margaret G. Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Arnold, of Cedar Grove, the annual workman of Washington, were married in St. Martin's Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, Wednesday morning, by the pastor, Rev. John S. Cuddy. The bride's sister and brother, Miss Mary Arnold and Brian Arnold, were maid of honor and best man.

Tuesday, October 10, there will be held in All Saints' Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase, Md., the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Montgomery county Holy Communion will be celebrated in the morning, followed by a business session, and in the afternoon an address will be delivered by the Rev. Boyer Campbell, of Newark, N. J.

By a unanimous vote the Dickerson "Round table" meeting at the home of Mrs. Mansfield White, decided to invite the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs to hold its annual meeting in 1923 at Dickerson. The appointment of committee chairmen was announced as follows: Economics, Mrs. Edward Chirwell; education, Miss Elizabeth White; publicity, Mrs. McGill Bell.

Prof. W. Pinkney Mason, for a number of years principal of the Rockville Academy and later an instructor at the Heart School for boys, of Washington, was stricken with paralysis at his home here Wednesday, and his condition is regarded as critical.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK IS PLAN IN CLARENDON

Meetings Will Urge Need for More Schools All Through Nearby Territory.

CLARENDON, Va., Sept. 29.—The advisory committee of the board of education has designated next week as "Educational Week" in the county. Meetings will be held in each section, and the need for more schools will be emphasized.

A mass meeting is planned by the school board. Fletcher Kemp, superintendent, has been directed to make plans for a big meeting, for a date to be announced later.

Forty persons, mostly colored, are now lodged in the county jail awaiting trial or the action of the grand jury.

The ladies of the Baptist Church have arranged a chicken dinner for tonight, open to the public.

Sheriff Clements is keeping a close watch on speeders around the schools of the county. Deputy sheriffs are stationed at different schools, and several arrests have been made in the past few days.

Mary Washington Chapter, No. 50, O. E. S., will hold a card party tonight at the home of Mrs. A. C. Putman, of Clarendon.

WOMEN OUT TO CORRAL G. O. P. VOTES IN DISTRICT

Mrs. Virginia White Speel, chairman of the women's division of the combined Republican campaign committee of the District of Columbia, announced today that a strenuous effort will be made to muster all the women voters of Washington for the coming election.

Associated with Mrs. Speel in conducting the women's campaign will be Mrs. M. L. Tucker, Mrs. Howard D. Fry, Mrs. James Carroll Frazer and Miss Florence Stiles. Besides these, Mrs. Speel said today that she would within the next few days name a dozen or more to make up the personnel of three or four sub-committees.

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